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but in Iowa for instance, their budget increased from \$20,000 in 1977 to \$84,000 during the present fiscal year. Now we called these states. We talked to them directly. This is their answer. It is entirely funded by state tax dollars. The demand for services increased so they felt more money was needed. That is in Iowa. In Virginia state funding was increased from \$30,000 to \$144,000. Virginia has biennial appropriations. The increases have been necessary because of increased demand. The staff has been increased from one to five and a \$50,000 interpreters service program was started. Now the interpreting services is what is so expensive. It runs from \$7.50 to \$12.50.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Labedz, one quick question. This increased demand, does that mean that there are more deaf persons in the State of Iowa to be served or does it mean that we are establishing new and better and improving programs?

SENATOR LABEDZ: No, I think that it is very difficult in any state to determine how many hearing impaired people there are. We are saying there is approximately one hundred thousand in the State of Nebraska. We know there are fourteen thousand profoundly deaf. Now they cannot either hear or speak. We know there is fourteen thousand but there are a hundred thousand, especially the elderly. When they get to a certain age they may lose their hearing. They have no training. All of a sudden they can't hear so we don't have a census of how many there are in any state until the services are given to them and then they come in and require the services. I am sure there is probably more in the State of Nebraska. In Connecticut for instance, their load increased 112% the first year, 295% the second year, 412% the third year and 100% the fourth year. Their budget increased 27% the first year...

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...42 the second, 48 the third and 14 the fourth. So you see as the years go by the percentage decreases as far as people that come in and ask for the services but in Nebraska we have no idea of how many that will be requiring the services. In the closing statement I can give you exactly the figures that they come up to \$150,000. Most of it is for direct services which is \$84,000.

SENATOR STONEY: Thank you, Senator Labedz. Well just briefly, once again I know that this proposal has consider-